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FIELD ACTIVITY

Water Supply (Fran Burns)

Water deliveries will continue over the weekend as needed.

Region is drafting an approach to quickly review, approve and act upon any sampling data that appears to indicate the need for additional homes to receive alternate water.

Water Sampling (Fran Burns)

Two (2) homes were sampled as of noon today. Two additional homes are scheduled to be sampled this afternoon. Sampling will suspend this evening and will resume on the morning of Monday, February 6, 2012.

Community Outreach (Helen Duteau)

The Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) continues to respond to residents' inquiries about EPA's sampling activities.

COMMUNICATIONS

On February 3, 2012, Regional Administrator (RA) Garvin provided an update on sampling activities in Dimock to PADEP Secretary Krancer. Secretary Krancer expressed that what he heard from his staff indicated that there was sufficient coordination and communication occurring between PADEP and the EPA office and field staff. RA Garvin indicated that EPA would keep PADEP informed on sampling progress and as results became available. RA Garvin also noted the upcoming meeting with Cabot; Secretary Krancer indicated that he would like to have the PADEP staff present. (Jennie Saxe).

Drafts of a general statement in response to Cabot's recent statement and a detailed point-by-point response were circulated late Thursday, February 2, 2012 for review and have been updated to reflect several useful suggestions. (Michael Kulik).

Four (4) FOIA requests were received. The first, from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), seeks four years' worth of information in EPA's possession, including both Region 3 and Headquarters, related to drilling activities in Dimock and Bradford County, PA. Three (3) others from the Scranton Times-Tribune are seeking copies of written communication between EPA and PADEP, between EPA and Cabot, and among EPA staff, all since January 1, 2011. (Michael Kulik)

Planning efforts have begun for the development of a strategy for communication related to the receipt of preliminary results of the sampling efforts in Dimock, which are anticipated next week. A draft strategy has been circulated for review. A meeting will be scheduled next week to discuss the implementation details. (Michael Kulik and Helen Duteau).

LEGAL ISSUES

Meeting Update (Humane Zia)

ORC (Humane Zia) received a proposed agenda from Cabot's counsel and confirmed the date/time as February 22, 2012 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held in the Region 3 offices.

- Cabot's four proposed agenda items for the meeting are:
1. Introductions
 2. Technical Briefing / Cabot Overview of Dimock Sampling Data
 3. Update on Status of Response to EPA's Request for Information
 4. EPA Update on Well Sampling and Next Steps

Other (Humane Zia)

Tate Kunkle (counsel for certain residents) requested a copy of EPA's January 31, 2012 letter to Cabot. ORC (Humane Zia) sent this to him.

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